

Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Terry W. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Steven H. Godowsky was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as presented. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker and seconded by Mr. Heffernan to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes from the Board's work session of August 18, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the minutes of the Board's August 18th work session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of August 18, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

Three individuals signed up to address the State Board during public comment.

John Marinucci, Executive Director of the Delaware School Boards Association, spoke of the training provided by DSBA for district and charter local board members and supports the Association offers.

Kevin Ohlandt, a parent, addressed the State Board on personalized learning and charter district funding. Mr. Ohlandt asked that the Department request in its ESSA plan that the federal government restore FERPA. He also spoke on data and ID information that is obtained through various online apps that schools use and stated he felt that no student information should be released. In regards to district charter school funding, Mr. Ohlandt commented that the Department only met with charter schools and not all public schools.

Kendall Massett, Executive Director of the Delaware Charter Schools Network, informed the State Board that it was announced earlier in the day that Design Lab was one of ten schools across the nation to be awarded a \$10M grant with \$2M for five years.

Committee Reports from State Board Members, Update from Executive Director, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts, Selection of Voting Delegate for NASBE Annual Conference, Secretary's Report

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mr. Heffernan along with Ms. Johnson met with Senator Carper's staff on ESSA. Mrs. Bunting attended the Teacher of the Year Advisory Meeting and the DSBA Board of Directors meeting.

Ms. Johnson noted the news articles and information posted under the Executive Director's report. She commented on meeting with Delaware's federal delegation on the reauthorization of Perkins.

Dr. Gray was present at Lewis Elementary with Governor Markell for the signing of Executive Order 62 designating an advisory group for ESSA.

It was noted that the Board's literacy campaign will be refocused with a relaunch of Literacy Campaign 2.0.

It was also noted that the State Board must designate a delegate to vote on behalf of the Delaware State Board of Education at the National Association of State Boards of Education Annual Meeting. Attending the conference will be Dr. Gray, Mrs. Bunting and Mr. Coverdale as well as State Board Executive Director Donna Johnson and Deputy Attorney General Catherine Hickey. Mrs. Bunting's nomination appointing Dr. Gray as the voting delegate was seconded by Mrs. Rutt and carried unanimously. Dr. Gray accepted the nomination as the State Board's voting delegate.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Godowsky thanked the Board for their comments regarding ESSA. He highlighted activities including visiting the freshman class at A.I. duPont High School. He also commented on the Teacher of the Year Advisory Group meeting. Dr. Godowsky attended the signing of House Bill 408, the poverty conference at McKean High School and the Art Educators Conference.

Educators as Catalysts Showcase

Presentation from Charter School Network

The Board received a presentation on an overview of charter/district collaborations and school innovation practices. Delaware Charter Schools Network Executive Director Kendall Massett and Arlene Vargas were joined by Chuck Taylor from Providence Creek Academy, Courtney Fox from First State Montessori Academy, Eric Anderson from Charter School of Wilmington, Margie Lopez-Waite from Las Americas Aspira Academy, and Kristen Dassell and Jeff Menzer, from Colonial School District. The presentation highlighted collaborations between

charter/district schools including Freire's peer mediation, the use of mentors from Positive Outcomes, the Newark Charter Respect Club with the Colonial School District as well as charter schools sharing policies, professional development and sharing expertise among staff at charter schools.

The Board recessed from 2:34 p.m. to 2:46 p.m.

ESSA Update, School and Community Partnerships-Implementation of Required Non-Academic Trainings, DOE Regulations, Charter Schools, Professional Standards Board, Information Items, Adjournment

ESSA Update

Karen Field Rogers, Amelia Hodges and Candice Brooks provided the ESSA update for the State Board. The timeline was presented and it was noted that community conversations have been scheduled to receive input and feedback. A second round of community conversations will be scheduled for the November/December timeframe. Feedback and comments are also encouraged through the Department's ESSA website and surveys.

Department Presentation – School and Community Partnerships Assisting with the Implementation of Required Non-Academic Trainings for School Employees

John Sadowski, Education Associate for School Climate, provided an overview of the mandatory non-academic trainings for school personnel in non-academic areas. Currently required is Bully Prevention Training, Child Abuse Detection & Report Training, Gang Identification Training, Suicide Prevention Training, Restraint Report Training, Teen Dating Violence Response Protocols Training. New training added this year is Child Sexual Abuse and Personal Body Awareness, which will be required for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Sadowski noted that trainings are to be completed within the contracted school year but October 31st is the recommended completion date. The total annual training time, to date, is approximately five hours and may increase next year.

Regulations

The regulation posted on the Board agenda was for the Board's information. Proposed Regulation 1105 is out for public comment and only requires approval by the Secretary of Education.

Charter Schools

David Blowman introduced Denise Stouffer to the State Board. Ms. Stouffer now leads the Charter School office and provided the update. The Board received the organizational performance framework that will be used to assess each charter school as well as the financial performance framework. A working group assisted in the revisions. The Board will be asked to take action on the frameworks at its October State Board meeting. The Board was also informed of the timeline for charter school renewals this year. There are two schools eligible to apply for renewal of their charter, Academy of Dover and Prestige Academy. The Board also received an

update on the development of revisions to the Alternate Academic Framework for special population charters. This work is still underway and will continue to be brought before the Board as work continues.

Professional Standards Board

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented the agenda items for the Professional Standards Board.

Regulation 1561 Bilingual Teacher was presented for publication. This regulation is part of the five year review cycle. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the publication of the regulation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Regulation 1565 World Language Teacher was also presented for publication and is part of the five year review cycle. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the publication of the regulation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board also discussed Regulation 1562 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher. This regulation is out for public comment and will be presented for action next month.

Adjournment

The information item regarding DOE personnel was noted. Tammy Croce was recognized and introduced from the audience by Secretary Godowsky. Ms. Croce is the new Executive Director for the Delaware Association for School Administrators.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steven H. Godowsky, Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education